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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

REF: STATE 156614

1. AS REQUESTED, WE ARE SUBMITTING OUR COMMENTS ON DRAFT SPEECH REFTEL.
2. TEL AVIV IS THE AUTHORITY AS TO HOW WELL THE DRAFT ACHIEVES THE BASIC PURPOSE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO ISRAEL AT THIS DELICATE TIME. OUR COMMENTS, THEREFORE, ARE RELATED TO HOW THE SPEECH WILL BE RECEIVED IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE LISTENING NO LESS INTENTLY THAN THE ISRAELIS.
3. TWO LACUNAE STRIKE US. THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION 242 OR TO PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. OMISSION OF THESE KEY ELEMENTS IS CERTAIN TO BE SEIZED UPON BY THE MEDIA, BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION, AND NECESSITATE SUBSEQUENT DECLARATIONS THAT OUR POLICY HAS NOT CHANGED, ETC. ETC. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL HAVE CAUSED NEEDLESS CONFUSION AND CONCERN.

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4. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND INCLUSION OF THESE POINTS, PERHAPS ALONG THE LINES OF SAUNDERS' JUNE 12 TESTIMONY OR ATHERTON'S JUNE 15 SPEECH.
5. REFERENCE TO THESE ELEMENTS OF A PEACE PACKAGE STRIKES US AS ESPECIALLY NECESSARY GIVEN THE FIRM ASSURANCES OF UNCONDITIONAL AMERICAN MORAL, POLITICAL,

ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

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